

Tercentenary of
City of New York

1915-1926

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APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR TO
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SARY OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE
FIRST MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK ON JUNE
24, 1665, AND THE ADOPTION OF THE
CITY FLAG ON JUNE 24, 1915

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NEW YORK,.....June 5th,.....1915

On June 24th, at noon, the recently adopted City flag will be raised on the City Hall and other municipal buildings, and the orange, white and blue under which New Amsterdam was founded in 1626 will again become the official colors of the City. The Mayor has requested this Committee to commemorate an event of so much historic interest, and we ask your co-operation. The 24th of June has been selected as the most appropriate date, as that will be the 250th anniversary of the installation of the first Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and we are arranging for a public meeting to be held in the City Hall, at which a tablet will be unveiled and addresses will be made by the Mayor and others, and also for celebrations in all the public schools. We are especially desirous that the significance of the City flag, as a page of history and as a civic emblem, shall be impressed upon the children in the schools and we propose to distribute, as widely as our funds will permit, a book on the "Seal and Flag of the City of New York" (now in press) containing chapters on the

early history of the City and on the origin and meaning of the seal and flag; also an illustrated leaflet telling the story of the flag. Each school building should be provided with a flag which we are informed can be procured at a cost of \$4.00.

We assume that your association will wish to further our efforts and we therefore venture to hope that you may be willing to provide flags for a certain number of school buildings, and possibly, also, a sum to meet the cost of distributing the book and leaflet.

Your society will in due course receive a request to nominate three members to whom invitations may be sent to be present at the ceremonies on June 24th, 1915, at the City Hall.

As the time is so limited the favor of an early reply to this letter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours respectfully,

George W. Burlingame

Secretary.



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NEW YORK, June 8, 1915

Dear Sir:

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The following is the description of the flag contained in the ordinance adopted by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor:

Section 3. Official city flag. The following design is hereby adopted as the design of the official flag of the City and as a substitute for the flag now in use, to wit:

A flag combining the colors orange, white and blue, arranged in perpendicular bars of equal dimensions (the blue being nearest to the flagstaff) with the standard design of the seal of the City in blue upon the middle, or white bar, omitting the legend "Sigillum Civitatis Novi Eboraci," which said colors shall be the same as those of the flag of the United Netherlands in use in the year 1626.

Yours very truly,

COMMITTEE ON DECORATION

John Quincy Adams, Chairman
City Hall, New York City
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NEW YORK.....August 4th, 1915..... 1915

Sec. Of The Numismatic Society,
Bet. 155th & 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Dr. George F. Kunz, I am
sending you for your files a badge used at the cele-
bration of the 250th anniversary of the establishment
of the present form of city government in New York, and
the adoption for the first time in the history of New
York of an official city flag.

Very truly yours,

August 6, 1915.

Mr. J. Q. Adams
52 Wall Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of August 4th enclosing a badge used at the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the present form of the city government, has been duly received and I desire to thank you for it on behalf of this Society.

Very truly yours,

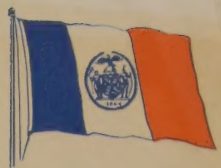
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NEW YORK, March 6th, 1916. 1915

Dr. George F. Kunz,
c/o Messrs. Tiffany & Co.,
37th Street & 5th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Kunz:

I learn that bronze replicas of the seal of the City, 9 inches in diameter, which are exact reproductions of the cast presented to the City, can now be obtained from John Williams, Inc., #556 West 27th Street, and I think you will agree with me that the Numismatic Society should have a copy in its collection. If so, will you be good enough to call the matter to the attention of the proper officers.

Yours faithfully,

63 Wall Street.

Tercentenary Fete for City Urged This Year

Civic and Patriotic Groups Ask Walker to Mark the 300th Anniversary of Pieter Minuit's \$24 Deal

New York's first realtor, Pieter Minuit, who 300 years ago bought Manhattan from the Indians for \$24 worth of beads and other trinkets, will be honored by an extensive celebration this year if plans proposed yesterday at a meeting held at the Bar Association, 42 West Forty-fourth Street, are adopted.

The meeting, presided over by Grover A. Whalen and Guy Van Amringe, president of the St. Nicholas Society, was attended by representatives of sixty civic, historical, commercial and patriotic organizations. Resolutions were adopted asking Mayor Walker to appoint a citizens' committee to promote a plan to hold at Grand Central Palace a tercentenary celebration of the purchase of Manhattan from the Indians. Every organization represented at the meeting pledged its support to make the celebration a national event.

The sentiment of the meeting was embodied in the resolutions, which read:

In 1626 Pieter Minuit purchased from the Indians the island of Manhattan, bringing it for the first time under civilized rule, and thereby laying the foundation of the City of New York.

This year marks the 300th anniversary of that most important event in the history of this city, and the occasion should stand out as a most important one not only to this country but to the world.

This city, from the time that it was founded, has grown in happiness, strength and wealth through its commerce, finance, professions and arts, until it ranks as one of the greatest cities of all time.

The city owes its greatness not only to its founders, citizens and laws, but to those peoples who from time to time have come to these shores and become one with us, bringing their vitality, traditions and labor to add to our wellbeing.

The representatives of the great organizations, institutions and societies here present feel that, in order to provide a proper vehicle to develop and carry out plans for the celebration of the anniversary, an official committee should be appointed by the chief executive of the city.

Resolved, That we request his Honor, the Mayor, to appoint an official committee, representative of all groups and all societies of our commonwealth, with authority to prepare plans and set up an organization for the execution of such plans, to the end that at such time, in the year 1926, as may be determined upon, there will be held in the City of New York a fitting celebration to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of the city.

It was proposed that the celebration should begin May 4 and end July 4 and that each floor of the Grand Central Palace should be devoted to a century of the city's growth. Pageants, aeronautical meets and parades were suggested.

The Tercentenary of the City of New York

This year marks the 300th Anniversary of the Purchase of Manhattan Island from the Indians by Pieter Minuit and the birth of New York City. The occasion ranks as one of the most important events in the history of this City, and is one which will command the attention of the entire World. Those most vitally interested are the people of the City of New York, whose primary duty it is to prepare plans for a proper celebration, if one is to be held, and to organize for its success.

The undersigned request your presence at a conference to be held in the "Meeting Hall" of the Association of the Bar, 42 West 44th Street, New York City, on Wednesday, January 27th, 1926, at four o'clock, to discuss this subject.

Card of admission to the meeting is enclosed; this you will be asked to present at the door.

Lincoln Cornwell

Vice-Pres. Merchants Association.

H. E. Allen

Pres. Chamber of Commerce.

James H. Bellenger

Pres. Holland Society.

Frederick Van Arman

Pres. St. Nicholas Society.

Thomas A. Wilson

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